

# **MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

July 6, 2016 - 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Teleconference Meeting

Number: 1 (866) 685-1580, Code: 515.242.5994

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Broeker  
Jody Eaton  
Marsha Edgington  
Lynn Grobe  
Kathryn Johnson  
Sharon Lambert

Geoff Lauer  
John Parmeter  
Patrick Schmitz  
Rebecca Schmitz  
Marilyn Seemann  
Jennifer Sheehan

### **MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Thomas Bouska  
Senator Mark Costello  
Representative David Heaton  
Betty King  
Brett McLain

Senator Liz Mathis  
Representative Scott Ourth  
Rebecca Peterson  
Michael Polich

### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Theresa Armstrong	MHDS, Bureau Chief, Community Services and Planning
Diane Brecht	Penn Center
Mechelle Dhondt	CEO, MHDS of East Central Region
Gayla Harken	Iowa Association of Community Providers
Ashley Lutgen	County Social Services MHDS Region
Peter Schumacher	MHDS, Community Services & Planning/CDD
Rick Shults	DHS, MHDS Division Administrator
Paige Thorson	Legislative Liaison, Department of Human Services

### **Welcome and Call to Order**

Patrick Schmitz called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm and Peter Schumacher took roll. Quorum was established with twelve members on the phone. No conflicts of interest were identified.

### **Administrative Rules regarding the process for approving subacute mental health care facility licensing applications to the Department of Inspections and Appeals – Theresa Armstrong and Rick Shults**

Theresa thanked the Commission for agreeing to hold a special meeting to consider adoption of these rules. Theresa said the Department received three comments from one commenter during the public comment period. The comments expressed concern that the rules would require subacute facilities to accept patients who were dangerous, or beyond their capability to serve. Theresa said that there are no requirements in the rule package presented that would require a provider to accept patients beyond their ability to treat. The Department made no changes to the rules.

Geoff Lauer asked about the urgency for the vote. Theresa said there is interest in implementing subacute services, and these special meetings are in order allow for implementation on September 7, 2016.

Sharon Lambert asked if there was any more interest in developing subacute services. Patrick Schmitz said it would be hard to say. Diane Brecht said Penn Center was interested in developing subacute services.

Geoff Lauer made a motion to adopt the rules as presented. Jen Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Schumacher.